

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOREST COUNTY
INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

COMMITTEE: FORESTRY & RECREATION

PLACE: COUNTY BOARD ROOM

DATE: JUNE 2, 2015

TIME CALLED TO ORDER: 6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: DON LEMASTER, DAVE CAMPBELL, LARRY SOMMER, BILL CHANEY, BILL CONNORS, DON DEHART

ABSENT: PAUL CLEEREMAN

OTHERS PRESENT: DAVE ZIOLKOWSKI, PAUL PAYANT, JOE SCHWANTES, JANE SEVERT, CRAIG WILLIAMS, LIZ WOOD, PAUL MILLAN, DAN PETERS, MARY TORGERSON AND APPROXIMATELY 120 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

MINUTES OF MEETING AS FOLLOWS:

Meeting was called to order by Chairman LeMaster. Motion by Chaney, seconded by Sommer to approve the agenda and start the meeting on agenda item # 6. All voting aye, motion carried. Motion by Campbell, seconded by Chaney to approve the minutes from the May 5, 2015 meeting. All voting aye, motion carried. The Committee began on agenda #6 the Public Informational Meeting regarding amending the 15 Year Plan to potentially allow an MRA Park on County Forest land. There were approximately 120 members of the public in attendance, with 39 people giving verbal comments. Six people in attendance provided verbal comments in favor of amending the 15 Year Comprehensive Land Use Plan for a potential MRA Park and 33 people in attendance provided verbal comments against amending the 15 Year Plan. Fifty-five additional written comments were received during the meeting, 3 of the written comments were in favor of amending the 15 Year Plan and 52 written comments were against amending the 15 Year Plan. Sixty-three additional written comments were received prior to the meeting. 48 of those comments were against amending the 15 Year Plan. Fifteen of those comments were sent to the County Clerk, Lisa Kalata via email and were in favor of amending the 15 Year Plan. Overall 133 comments were against the 15 Year plan and 9 (24 if you count those sent to the County Clerk) comments were in favor of amending the Plan. The Public Informational Meeting was closed and the Committee returned to agenda item number 4. Ziolkowski explained a request from the Town of Wabeno to include their Riverwalk Trail Project in the County Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan or C.O.R.P. Amending the County C.O.R.P. to include this project would gain 2 additional points for the Town of Wabeno in the grant funding application process to fund this project. Motion by Chaney, seconded by DeHart to amend the County C.O.R.P. Plan to include Wabeno's project

and to send a resolution to the full County Board to amend the C.O.R.P. All voting aye, motion carried. Motion by Sommer, seconded by Connors to approve hiring MSA Professional Services to assist on an as needed basis, in the construction of the Hwy 8 ATV Trail. All voting aye, motion carried. The Committee discussed sending the 15 Year Plan Amendments for the MRA Park to the full County Board on June 16, 2015. Motion by Connors, seconded by Sommer to forward the MRA Park 15 Year Plan Amendments to the full County Board for approval. A roll call vote was taken. Sommer-aye, Connors-aye, Chaney-nay, Campbell-nay, DeHart-nay, LeMaster-nay, Cleereman-absent. Motion failed on a vote of 4-nay, 2-aye and 1 absent. The MRA Park amendments to the 15 Year Comprehensive Plan will not be forwarded on to the County Board. There being no further business at this time, motion by DeHart, seconded by Chaney to adjourn the meeting. All voting aye, meeting adjourned.

These minutes are not official and are subject to change. They will be officially approved at the next scheduled Forestry and Recreation Committee meeting.